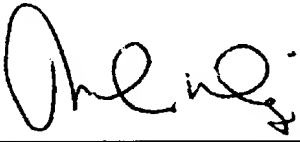
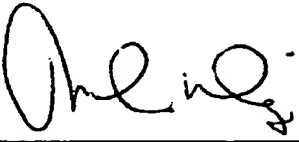


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Attorney Docket No: BEA920010008US1		
Application Serial Number: 09/876,351 (CONF 9150)		Filing Date: 6/6/2001		Examiner: Piotr Poltorak		Art Unit: 2134
Invention: Secure Inter-Node Communication						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$200	\$ 0.00
<p>____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>1/12/2005</u> to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p>____ one month (\$120.00)      ____ three months (\$1,020.00) ____ two months (\$450.00)      ____ four months (\$1,590.00)</p>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantive office action response attached and replacement drawing sheet attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p> <p><u>4-4-2006</u> date</p> <p> Michael A. Dryja Reg. No. 39662</p> <p>I hereby certify that this Correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, fax number <u>571-273-8300</u> on <u>4-4-2006</u>.</p> <p> Michael A. Dryja Reg. No. 39662</p>						

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 5, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.